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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Mike:

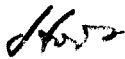
No doubt, by this time, you have received Agnew's letter in which he states that it is impossible, owing to your age, to give you more than a Senior Grade Lieutenantcy. If the Army still refuses to give you a Majority, my advice would be that you take the Lieutenantcy in the Navy and then depend upon an early promotion to two-and-a-half stripes. It would certainly be nice to have you out here with me, and I have written Agnew requesting your services in case you do decide to come into the Navy.

Your illustrations on Chest Surgery have reached me and I have enjoyed them very much. I shall soon take an hour or two off to go into them more thoroughly.

We have recently seen some very interesting cases here of abdominal compression. These men received their injuries from explosion of depth charges in the vicinity of which they were swimming. Of course, many were killed outright and others had severe abdominal symptoms, some of intestinal perforation and others with later symptoms caused by subphrenic abscesses, pelvic abscesses, etc.

I would be glad to hear from you again at any time, Mike, and let me know what you are doing. I still hope that it will be my pleasure to be a more or less permanent shipmate of yours.

Sincerely yours,

  
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